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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Robert C. Knuepfer, who passed away on September 18, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Knuepfer was born on July 27, 1923 in Chicago, Illinois; he was raised in River Forest and was a graduate of Oak Park River Forest High School; and

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WHEREAS, He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the United States Army in the Pacific Theater; after the war, he earned an engineering degree from the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, He joined his father's manufacturing business, General Engineering Works, in Chicago, and later founded and served as Chairman of DuPage Machine Products in Bloomingdale; he served as the National President of the Precision Machined Products Association and as an officer or director of many organizations, including Elmhurst National Bank, the Jaycees, Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, the Elmhurst YMCA, and the Boy Scouts of America; and

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WHEREAS, He was a supporter of many philanthropic and educational organizations; he was active in sports, including golf and tennis; he was a 50-year member of the River Forest Golf Club; and

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WHEREAS, After the death of his first wife, Suzanne, Robert Knuepfer established the Suzanne W. Knuepfer Guest House, a home offering short-term care for seniors; he later married Joyce Moucka, and they became involved in Christ Church of Oak Brook; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Knuepfer is survived by his wife, Joyce;

1 his children, Robert Jr. (Nancy), David (Marcia), James
2 (Susan), and Kimberly (Gary) McDonald; his grandchildren,
3 Robert III, Jennifer, Lauren, Joseph, David Jr., Lindsay,
4 William, Allison, and Katelyn Knuepfer, and Michelle, Melissa,
5 and Matthew McDonald; his sister, Marilyn (Burt) Hudson; and
6 his sister-in-law, Virginia Knuepfer; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
9 his family and friends, the passing of Robert C. Knuepfer; and
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Robert Knuepfer.